The Connection

In 2003 a property came onto the market in Sydney, Australia and was advertised on the Internet. The property was called “Kepdowrie”. I’d come across the name previously in relation to a property in Stirlingshire, Scotland which had been home to one of my ancestors. In 1835, my 3rd great grandparents were married, the register entry recording that Thomas Ogilvie had married Grace Dun, daughter of Alexander Dun of Kepdowrie. This Kepdowrie may have been either of two properties occupied at various times in the 17th and 18th centuries by the Dun family - Over (Upper) or Wester Kepdowrie.

In the 16th century Kepdowrie, near Buchlyvie in Stirlingshire, was a single estate divided into three by the then tacksman, Alister Macalister, who left the shares to his daughters on his demise. A Dun (or Duin) from the Balfron branch married one of the Macalister daughters and took up residence at Wester Kepdowrie, the other two shares occupied by Macalister families. A later Alexander Dun in 1660, married his relation Miss Macalister of Upper Kepdowrie; their son also marrying into the Upper Kepdowrie family. During the 19th century, census records show movement of the family between these two Kepdowrie farms. The last member of the Dun family to reside at Kepdowrie (Wester) was another Alexander, (1830 – 1908). The property was sold in 1881.

Kepdowrie in Sydney is a family home that was built for Dr Stuart Scougall, an orthopaedic surgeon, art collector and passionate gardener about 1938. The house was designed and constructed by Leith McCredie, a well-known Sydney architect and member of a respected architectural family, who claimed this job was his ‘dream commission’ because he had been given absolute freedom in the design of the house and its gardens.

Dr Scougall, in collaboration with his friend Franz Holford, published a eulogy to the arboreal splendour of the gardens of Kepdowrie that he and McCredie had designed. The work, “Consider the Lilies” was a handsome
Holford considered the:

‘Doric ring of the name of a house which bears so patently an English imprint’

to be an alien note in the carefully constructed landscape.

200 piece limited edition publication released in 1953 containing several wood engravings by Eva Sandor

Figure 3: Ordnance Survey map for Kepdowrie, near Buchlyvie Stirlingshire. Reproduced from Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland mapping with the permission of the Director and Chief Executive, © Crown Copyright

The name's provenance was suggested in his next statement,

“Questions of style and naming were resolved in a harmonizing act of piety, when I learned that Kepdowrie preserves the name of the place where the gardenist's Scottish mother was born” (p88).

Kepdowrie was not, in fact, the place where Dr Scougall’s mother was born, but possibly his grandmother, more likely his great grandmother and almost certainly many of his ancestors. Carlsgood (1944) refers to the property being named, more correctly, after Dr Scougall's ancestral home in Scotland.

Stuart Scougall (1889-1964) was the son of Seaton Dun and Grace Isabella Scougall. On Grace’s death certificate, Stuart, the informant, gave the information that Grace’s parents were George Duncan and Grace (unknown). On Grace's marriage certificate issued in Queensland in 1882, however, Grace Hart, aged 20 years, a widow, married Seaton Scougall, aged 26 years, a contractor, at the home of the bride’s parents Daniel Duncan, a blacksmith and his wife Jessie (aka Janet) Ogilvie.

Grace Scougall, formerly Hart nee Duncan, was born Grace Isabella Duncan, daughter of Daniel Duncan and his wife Janet, nee Ogilvie, in Baramba, Burnett, Queensland in 1861. On 1st August 1881, at the age of 20, Grace married, with her father’s consent, William Hart, a 49 year old chemist, at the home of Israel Bennett in Mt Perry, Queensland. William Hart was born about 1832 in Blackburn, Lancashire, England, the son of William Hart, a ropemaker, and his wife Elizabeth Howarth. Sadly, following a short illness of 5 days, William died from inflammation of the lungs a mere 3 weeks after his and Grace's wedding.

Almost a year later, on the 19th June 1882, Grace Hart, a widow, married Seaton Dun Scougall in Mt Perry,
Queensland. Seaton was born on 14 May 1856 in Chippendale, NSW \(^{(17)}\), the son of Richard Todd Scougall, a gentleman, and Catherine Dun (Catherine Dun was the daughter of William Dun and Maria Burnett – whose story has been told by Loftus Dun \(^{(2)}\)). Seaton and Grace had five children: Grace Adria, Marjorie Seaton Dun, Richard Frank Berdete, Stuart, and Claude Harry Dun.

Grace’s parents, Daniel and Janet (nee Ogilvie) Duncan with their infant son John had arrived in Sydney, Australia, from Scotland, on the 14 December 1859 aboard the Annie Wilson \(^{(12)}\). They had been married in Blytheswood, Glasgow on 4\(^{th}\) June 1858 \(^{(13)}\). Daniel, born about 1836 in Largo, Ayrshire was the son of John Duncan, a blacksmith, and his wife Elizabeth. Janet was born in 1838 near Greenock, Renfrew, the daughter of Thomas Ogilvie and his wife Grace Dun \(^{(14)}\).

The marriage of Janet’s parents gives the connection to the Scottish Kepdowrie. The Scottish Old Parochial Register for the parish of Drymen in the county of Stirling shows that:

* Thomas Ogilvie, servant at Deepstone, Ballochneck, and Grace Dun,

* daughter of Alexander Dun of Kepdowrie, both in this parish,

* listed for proclamation of Banns this 12\(^{th}\) day of December 1835 and were married.

To date, no other record of Grace Dun’s birth has been located. Her relationship to Alexander Dun of Kepdowrie is further supported by data in the Scottish Census. In 1841, Thomas and Grace’s son Robert Ogilvie was staying with his grandparents Alexander and Elizabeth (nee Brown) Dun at Wester Kepdowrie. Both Robert and his younger brother Andrew were again there in the 1851 census. On the 1861 census night, their sister Elizabeth was staying again at Wester Kepdowrie with her Uncle Andrew Dun, her Grandfather Alexander having, in the interim, passed away. Below is a table showing the occupants of the two Kepdowrie properties on each census night from 1841 - 1881 with occasional notes for relevant events.

Stuart Scougall’s ancestors had occupied the Kepdowrie properties in Stirlingshire Scotland and the name survives there today as well as in a suburb more than 10,000 miles distant (almost 17,000km) creating a link with the past.
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<td>Alexander Dun, 75, Head Proprietor</td>
<td>1841 Census did not differentiate the three Kepdowrie properties by name.</td>
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<td>Janet Dun, 35, daur</td>
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<td>Robert Ogilvie, 4, g'son (2)</td>
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<td>Andrew Dun, 48, Head, Farmer 69 acres, employs 2 labourers</td>
<td>Alexander Dun, 85, Head Proprietor of farm 60 acres (3)</td>
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<td>Andrew Dun, 58, Head, Farmer 77 acres</td>
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<td>1871</td>
<td>Andrew Stewart, 59, Head Farmer of 70 acres arable and family</td>
<td>Andrew Dun, 68, Head, Proprietor of 75 acres arable</td>
<td>(5) Elizabeth Dun died 1863, 88 yrs.</td>
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| 1881 | Andrew Stewart, 68, Head and several children | Elizabeth Dun, 69, wife  
Alexander Dun, 40, son  
Peter McMartin, 18, Serv  
Margaret Lennie, 19, Serv  
Alexander Dun, 51, Head, Farmer, 34 acres arable, employs 1 girl  
Margaret Dun nee Risk / McLuckie, 35, wife (6)  
Andrew Dun, 2, son  
Annie Dun, 5, daur  
Eliza Dun, 4, daur  
Margaret Dun, 1, daur. (7)  
Annie McLuckie, 70, m-in-law, unm  
Eliza Keir, nee Dun, 44, sister, visitor  
Harriet Stewart, 24, Serv  
William Terret, 16, Boarder, Cattle herder  
(6) Margaret Dun died 1888, 45 yrs  
(7) Margaret Dun died 1884, 4 yrs |
| (62) Main Street, Southside, Buchlyvie | (128) James Street, Stirling | Andrew Dun, 61, Head, Widower, Farmer  
Annie Dun, 15, daur  
Andrew Dun, 12, son  
Andrew Dun, 30, Head, Unm, Contractor's Clerk  
Margaret Dun, 49, Widow, Mother  
Isabella Dun, 25, sister  
Alexander Dun, 23, brother, Newspaper Reporter  
Peter Dun, 21, brother, seedsman's assistant  
Elizabeth S Dun, 17, sister, Dressmaker  
Mary Dun, 15, sister, Milliner's Apprentice  
The Dun family sold the Kepdowrie property and the 1891 census shows them living in Buchlyvie and Stirling
Stuart Scougall, one of the elders of orthopaedic surgery in Sydney, died after a long illness in which he showed dogged determination and unwillingness to admit defeat. He suffered from leukaemia for many years but in no way let this interfere with his work which he continued until almost the end.

Born in Maryborough, Queensland, in 1889, he had early ambitions to become an engineer and journeyed to Stanford University in the United States of America which offered free tuition. Because of financial difficulties he had to abandon this and worked his way back to Australia as a ship’s steward. In 1915 he studied medicine at Sydney University, graduating in 1920. He went into general practice in North Sydney, but always having interest in orthopaedic work did an intensive study tour of the orthopaedic centres of Italy, Great Britain, the Continent of Europe and North America in 1929. He soon became a full-time orthopaedic surgeon, was the founder of the orthopaedic department at the Royal North Shore Hospital, and gave devoted service to it until 1938 when, after disagreement with the administration, his resignation was accepted.

This departure from his self-created department was a serious loss to the hospital and a great sorrow to him. Thereafter, he applied his energies to the orthopaedic department of the Ryde District Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital and soon had an expanding department running efficiently which he served in consultant capacity until his final illness.

Through association with Professor A. J. Arnott, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, he gained interest in the orthopaedic aspects of dentistry and in 1938 was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon to the United Dental Hospital of Sydney. He introduced the treatment of fractures of the edentulous mandible by open reduction and retention with special Kirschner wires, without intra-oral or external splintage, so that the patient could eat normally from the time of operation. This technique was also employed in the management of protrusio mandibuli.
In early days he had little time for the aesthetics of life, but became a recognised authority on the growth of trees and arboreal planning. Deciding, even at the age of fifty-four, that he knew little of musical appreciation he sought instruction from a distinguished teacher and became an ardent supporter of the Sydney Philharmonic Orchestra. He identified himself also with developments in the modern school of painting. In 1957 he organised a visit to Melville Island in Northern Australia, his own duties including advice on the medical care of the aboriginals. He gained insight and appreciation of the secrets of primitive bark paintings and later presented a collection representing native culture to the Art Gallery of New South Wales, a collection to which he added the year after his further excursion into the little known Arnheim Land. Exhibitions of this culture were shown by Qantas Airlines in many parts of the world and he personally introduced them in Tokyo, Teheran and the United States of America.

He was an enthusiastic tennis player and loved playing singles, even on the hottest day, against men several decades younger. He was an honorary adviser to Australia’s Davis Cup Team and worked ceaselessly to relieve the orthopaedic troubles of many of Australia’s leading tennis players.

Despite these many facets of his gregarious nature, Stuart Scougal remained an individualist to the end. Not everyone understood his complex personality. Given to little praise and few words, his individualism and cold altruism were summarised in prose and verse in his own book Consider the Lilies in reference to the memorial garden to his eldest son killed in the second world war:

“Then it rained in the desert of my heart
And I went on my way Unlonely yet alone.”

G. S. C.

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Pedigree Chart for Stuart Scougall 1889 - 1964

8 Richard
SCougall (2)
Born: 
Place: 
Marr: 
Place: 
Died: 
Place: 

4 Richard Todd
SCougall (2)
Born: 7 Feb 1805
Place: Leith Midlothian
Scotland
Marr: 22 Sep 1840
Place: Paterson NSW
Australia
Died: 26 Aug 1877
Place: Queensland
Australia

9 Magdalene
Walker (2)
Born: 
Place: 
Died: 
Place: 

2 Seaton Dun
SCougall
Born: 14 May 1856
Place: Chippendale
NSW Australia
Marr: 19 Jun 1882
Place: Mt Perry
Queensland Australia
Died: 6 Jan 1929
Place: North Sydney
NSW Australia

10 William Dun
(2)
Born: c 1788
Place: London England
Marr: 
Place: 
Died: 22 Jun 1876
Place: Denmark Hill
Ipswich Queensland

5 Catherine
Dun (2)
Born: 16 Oct 1821
Place: At Sea, aboard
"Mariner"
Died: 31 May 1891
Place: Maryborough
Queensland Australia

11 Maria
Burdeett
Born: c 1801
Place: London England
Died: 
Place: 

1 Stuart
SCougall
Born: 16 May 1889
Place: Gympie,
Queensland, Australia
Marr: 15 Jan 1923
Place: 
Died: 3 Nov 1964
Place: 65 Burns Road,
Wahroonga NSW
Australia
12 John
DUNCAN
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

6 Daniel
DUNCAN
Born: c 1836
Place: Largo Ayrshire Scotland
Marr: 4 Jun 1858
Place: Blythswood Glasgow Scotland
Died: > 1925
Place:

13 Elizabeth
DUNCAN
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

3 Grace Isabella
DUNCAN
Born: 28 Jun 1861
Place: Baramba Burnett Queensland Australia
Died: 13 Mar 1951
Place: Sydney NSW Australia
Firstly married to William HART: 1 Aug 1881

14 Thomas
OGILVIE
Born: 10 Nov 1811
Place: Trinity Gask Perthshire Scotland
Marr: 12 Dec 1835
Place: Drymen Stirling Scotland
Died: 21 Aug 1855
Place: Greenock Renfrew Scotland

28 David
OGILVIE
Born:
Died:

29 Euphemia
CANT
Born:
Died:

7 Janet Cant
OGILVIE
Born: c 1838. Chr: 30 Jun 1838
Place: Greenock Renfrew Scotland
Died: 30 Jan 1925
Place: Biggenden Queensland Australia

30 Alexander
DUN of Kepdowrie (1)
Born: 8 Dec 1765
Died: c 1851

31 Elisabeth
BROWN (1)
Born: 23 Mar 1775
Died: 11 Jul 1863

Spouse: Gwyneth Florence GLASSON
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